JOHN BOND



John Bond was the son of Stephen Bond and Sarah Clark (emigrants from England in 1855 and 1860—who settled in Heber in 1865), was born July 29, 1871, in a one-room log house with a dirt roof built of green cottonwood logs, which was built in one day with the help of settlers. He worked at herding cows in the hills north of town for themselves and neighbors for 2 cents per day for a number of years, doing odd jobs, gleaning wheat, etc., for feed for themselves and their chickens and pigs.

His father died December 28, 1875, leaving his mother with six children (four boys and two girls.) Father died of pneumonia from exposure as guard in the Black Hawk Indian War. He attended school beginning at eight years of age.

He worked as a boy on Heber Moulton's farm for three years. Then he learned the photography trade in Wm. Willes studio for one year at $30. per month. Next he worked in Mark Jeffs store as delivery boy, clerk, and bookkeeper. It was there he met his wife Mary E. Jeffs, who also was a clerk. They were married in the Manti Temple by Anton H. Lund on May 24, 1892. He continued to work in the store and built the red sandstone house at about 55 E. 2nd No. St., in Heber, with the help of his wife, in 1892.

Henry Aird told him he thought he could pass the State Teachers Examinations and teach school, thus giving him the opportunity to get better wages. He did so and taught in Heber one year for $40. per month. Wallsburg offered him $60, so he taught there two years in a one-room log school house with 100 pupils enrolled, including two of the Trustees.

He was called to serve a mission in 1895 for the LDS Church to the Southern States, where he worked without purse or script until April 1898. Mary came in 1897 and spent five months as a missionary. After coming home, he went east and learned undertaking and embalming. On returning home, he practiced this trade until 1907, when he moved to Duchesne and homesteaded 160 acres. He stayed one year, and because Mary's health failed, they moved to Salt Lake City. He worked in Heber City as a carpenter for 10 years during which time he built the Heber High School of pot rock stone which Mark Jeffs had contracted.

He moved to Mesa, Arizona, in 1917 with his wife and eight children, and worked as building contractor and artist. Mary died from a stroke November 12, 1946. Children: John Wallace, Orvilla, Gladys, Velda, LeRoy, Emma, Mark, Ted, and Illa.

In 1947, he married Ezell Stephenson, a widow of Holden, Utah, who had four children, two boys and two girls. He served on stake Sunday School Board and as Ward Chorister for a number of years.

JESSE BOND



Jesse Bond (familiarly called Uncle Jesse), the son of James and Sarah (Card) Bond, was born at Huntingford, Gloustershire, England, Feb. 27, 1832. He married Sarah Adams, daughter of Samuel and Bessie Adams, Sept. 24, 1861. Came to Heber City in the spring of 1859.

In 1844, he became a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. In Dec. 1854, he set sail for America on the Clara Wheeler ship. After six weeks voyage, they landed in New Orleans, later going to Mormon Grove. In July 1855, he, with others, started across the plains with ox teams, arriving in Salt Lake on Nov. 13, 1855. In 1857, he moved to Provo. Quoting his history, he says: "At the time of the trouble in Utah in 1857-8 when Johnston's army was on its way to Utah, I, along with many others, was called out to defend our homes, being stationed in and around Echo Canyon, Summit County. In the spring of 1859, I went up into Provo Valley (now Wasatch County) and planted wheat, remaining in the valley until the fall of 1859. In the spring of 1860, I made my home in Heber City. May 1861, I drove an ox team to the Missouri River and back to assist a company of saints across the plains, four of the saints being assigned to my wagon. One of the four afterwards became my wife. On Sept. 24, 1861, I married Sarah Adams, daughter of Samuel and Bessie Adams. I made six trips across the plains to Omaha to purchase merchandise for the people of Heber. During the early settlement of Heber, I passed through much Indian trouble, notably the Black Hawk War. Also the grasshopper trouble when they ate so much of our crops that it was hard to obtain a living."

Parents of nine children: William J., Mrs. Fred W. (Jane) Giles, Frank, Joseph T., Mrs. George A. (Dora) Wootton, Mrs. George E. (Minnie) Littlewood, Mrs. Thomas H. (Gertrude) Crook, Zina, Mrs. Wesley V. (Lacy) Duke.

Jesse died Dec. 17, 1916. Sarah died Dec. 1, 1908.

In 1874 myself and family cared for the "Old Hall," later known as the Second Ward meeting house, and did so until it was vacated and the meetings were held in the newly erected Stake House. Then we cared for that building until 1909, having had them continuously for 35 years. During this time, my wife baked the bread for the Sacrament for Sunday School and Sacrament meetings.

STEPHEN A. AND SARAH CLARK BOND





Stephen A. Bond was born August 20, 1829, at Rhode Summersetshire, England. When the gospel came to them they lived at Kingswood Gloistershire, an adjoining English County. The gospel came to the family of James Bond his father about 1845, and his brother Jesse was baptized in 1845 and Stephen in 1851. He left England in November 24, 1854, for Utah, in June 1855 arriving in Salt Lake, in November. He and his brother came first to Pleasant Grove in 1856 and to Provo in 1857. He married Sarah Clark December 6, 1860. They had met in England at an LDS meeting.

Sarah Clark was born in Stroud, Gloustershire December 8, 1826, and was baptized into the Church when eight years of age at Cheltenham, Gloustershire where her parents kept the conference house for the Church where the elders made their home. She attended school there until 16 when she left to go to work. She had saved enough money to emigrate after about 8 years and arrived in Salt Lake September 3, 1860, and left immediately for Lehi where she lived with a sister. Here she again met Stephen A. Bond and they were married December 6, 1860. They moved to Provo where they lived five years. Stephen made shoe pegs by hand while living in Provo.

They moved to Heber in 1865. Two children, Stephen and William, were born in Provo. Sarah Elizabeth, Alfred, John and Emily Ann were born in Heber. Jesse Bond, a brother, came to Heber in 1859 with the first pioneers to this valley. Stephen settled on a lot joining his brother Jesse. Being a good carpenter he built most of the furniture for the early settlers. He participated in the Black Hawk War, and from exposure while on guard contracted rheumatic fever. He became delirious, and died December 28, 1875, at 45.

Left with six children the oldest 14 the youngest 2 years, his wife had a struggle to raise her family. The older children went to work, Stephen as a carpenter for President Hatch and the other boys helping farmers, herding cows and helping to harvest crops. Lizzie (Sarah Elizabeth) at 12 years

